

In addition, the replacement claim 5 in the preliminary amendment did not agree with the version shown in the appendix of that amendment with the additions and deletions shown with underlining and brackets. For that reason claim 5 has been canceled and replaced by new claim 16.

These changes are in addition to the preliminary amendment filed October 30, 2001. Also notify applicants' representative if any pages are missing from the preliminary amendment, especially page 2 with the clean copy of the changes in the specification.

APPENDIX SHOWING THE CHANGES MADE IN THE CLAIMS

Underlining shows additions; brackets show deletions

In the Specification:

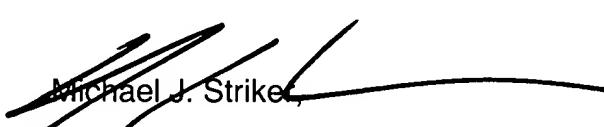
Page 19, lines 11 to 15, the following additional changes were made in the paragraph between these lines:

When a comparatively large amount of fuel is pumped into the circulator line 52 at higher rotation speeds of the internal combustion engine 32, a back up pressure develops before the throttle 74 and, when this backup pressure is large enough to overcome the pre-tensioned overflow valve 72, at least one portion of the fuel pumped [through] by the second fuel pump 12 flows back into the fuel tank 2. This is one purpose of the throttle 74.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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